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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: ELIJAH MOHAMMED
INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI

The Muslim Cult of Islam (MCI) is composed entirely of Negroes. Its leader, Elijah Mohammed, claims to have been sent by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the Negroes out of slavery. Members fanatically follow the teachings of Allah as interpreted by Mohammed; they disavow allegiance to the United States; and they are taught they need not obey the laws of the United States. Allegations have been received that its members may resort to acts of violence in carrying out its avowed purpose of destroying non-Muslims and Christianity.

It is believed that a technical surveillance on the residence of Elijah Mohammed, 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Drexel 3-0966, will furnish not only data concerning the fanatical and violent nature of the organization, but also data regarding the current plans of the MCI to expand its activities throughout the United States.

It is, therefore, requested that authorization be granted to install a technical surveillance on the residence of Elijah Mohammed or any address to which he may move in the future.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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